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## AUDIT: Jail had no checks, balances

By Bryan Marshall  
Staff Writer

An audit of the Grant County Detention Center concludes that the facility had “no checks and balances” during the four-year term of former jailer Terry Peeples.

The audit, performed by auditor Denise Keene, was authorized by the Grant County Fiscal Court late last year.

It included all operations in former jailer Terry Peeples’ tenure from 2011 to 2014, except November and December 2014.

New judge-executive Steve Wood, who called the report “very discouraging,” has contracted with Keene to complete an audit of the final two months of Peeples’ tenure.

Wood said the audit should take about three weeks.

“I want to know where we

‘ This is totally unacceptable. If proper checks and balances had been in place, this could not have occurred. ’

- GRANT CO. DETENTION CENTER AUDIT

stand at the jail with a complete audit,” Wood said.

The audit report featured 13 comments and recommendations, including lack of documentation for purchases, out-

standing invoices, making unallowable expenditures and no checks and balances or segregation of duties.

“The exit audit validated that in my four-year tenure as Grant

County jailer there is no missing money,” Peeples said. “All money is accounted for. There is no misappropriation of funds. It’s all accounted for and spent the way it was supposed to be spent. The auditor made several recommendations, which they do every year. I think they are good recommendations. They need to be put in place and followed.”

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## New court hires deputy judge-exec

By Jamie S. Baker  
Editor

Grant County’s first Republican judge and fiscal court magistrates held their first meeting Monday night.

The court’s first executive order included hiring Scott Kimmich as Grant County’s deputy judge-executive.

His salary was set at \$55,000.

Kimmich isn’t new to politics, having previously served as the deputy judge in Boone and Kenton counties.



David Rose, who was attending the fiscal court meeting, questioned where the county was going to get the money for Kimmich’s salary.

“We have it,” Wood answered Rose’s question.

“Corinth needs a firehouse,” Rose said. “I question whether we need this gentlemen. Is there no one in Grant County with experience to assist you?”

Wood read a prepared statement on Kimmich’s hiring.

“When I was running for office I said all over the county I would surround myself with the best people I could find,” Wood read. “Shortly after the election, I made the decision I would return to a model that had been used in Grant County for 33 years, naming a full-time deputy judge executive.”

See DEPUTY JUDGE page 14

## Police seek robbery suspect

By Bryan Marshall  
Staff Writer

Police are looking for a white male who robbed Grant County Drugs in Crittenden in the early afternoon on Jan. 6.

“The man walked into the pharmacy and produced a note listing his intentions, his demands and the consequences for not complying with those demands,” said Chief Deputy Troy Hagedorn of the Grant County Sheriff’s Office.

Once the female pharmacist complied with the demands, the suspect gave the employees instructions of what to do as he exited the building.

There were no employees inside the business during the robbery, said Hagedorn.

Hagedorn said the robbery, which occurred around 2:40 p.m., was drug-related.

The suspect is a white male about six feet tall, believed to range in age from mid-40s to early 60s.

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Feral cats that live in colonies throughout the county have been trapped, neutered and returned to their habitat by the Grant County Friends of the Shelter as part of a grant program. Photos submitted



Betty Draper, a member of the Friends, traps a cat as part of the TNR program.

## TNR

### Friends of Shelter work to reduce cat population

By Jamie S. Baker, editor

In barns, alleys and on rural roads, there is a group of women who stalk their prey with precision.

Most days these ladies have regular jobs or routines, but when they are in TNR (Trap Neuter and Return) mode, they won’t stop until they’ve cornered their prey, which happens to be free-roaming cats in Grant County.

The ever-increasing, unwanted cat population had become a problem in several areas in the community,” Brenda Wilson, president of the Grant County Friends of The Shelter said.

Wilson is an avid animal lover having rescued several dogs and cats, which she later adopted. She wrote the TNR grant and is one of the trappers.

“We’ve heard stories where someone started out feeding a couple of cats that were dropped at her rural home and then the colony swelled to 40 or more and she couldn’t take care of them,” Wilson said.

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## Legislators return to Frankfort for short session

Lawmakers will soon be heading back to Frankfort for the 2015 legislative session.

While the General Assembly will only meet for 30 days, there will be lots of issues debated over a short time span.

The short session begins Jan. 6 and is scheduled to end March 24.

Sen. Damon Thayer, R-Georgetown, and Rep. Brian Linder, R-Dry Ridge, spoke to the Grant County News about what to expect in the coming weeks.

**What do you see as the biggest issues to tackle in the upcoming General Assembly?**

**THAYER** - The biggest issues with the best chance to reach the governor’s desk for his signature include telecommunications reform, dating violence penalties and dealing with the heroin epidemic.

**LINDER** - Heroin: Pass a Heroin bill that strengthens penalties on dealers and redirects money for rehabilitation at our county jails.

Telecommunications Reform: This will be the third attempt in my time in the General Assembly to pass a telecommunications bill out of the House. The bill would allow telecommunications companies to divert money they are required to invest in old and outdat-

# Q & A

with



Sen. Damon Thayer



Rep. Brian Linder

ed technology, to broadband and cellphone technology. This will bring high speed internet and better cell service to Kentucky’s rural areas. Improved high speed internet and cell service will not only improve the lives of rural Kentuckians, but will also open areas up for economic development.

Pension issues: Our pensions continue to struggle. The pension reform of 2013 will take some time before we see improvement in the state employee plan (KRS), which currently is funded at 21 percent. The teacher’s retirement system (KTRS) is funded at 51 percent. Several factors have created the shortfall in the pension systems; the 2008 financial issues and the performance of investments, people now live longer and are outliving contributions into the system, and through efficiencies, not all retirees are replaced and lowers the difference between people paying into the system and people withdrawing from the system. These are a few of the contributing problems. A large unfunded liability in pensions can hurt the recruit of business and jobs into the state. Jobs may not locate here because they could fear future tax hikes to pay for underfunded pensions. The legislature needs to continue to study and discuss this issue.

**Heroin has been a big topic the past several years, especially in northern Kentucky. What would you like to be seen done legislatively to help curb heroin abuse?**

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# WHAT'S UP?

The Grant County News publishes items in the Community Calendar free of charge. Send items to: Calendar, P.O. Box 247, Williamstown, KY 41097 or e-mail them to: [gcneditorial@grantky.com](mailto:gcneditorial@grantky.com) or fax them to 824-5888 by noon on Monday.

## BOOSTER GROUPS

**Williamstown Band Boosters** - 6 p.m. Jan. 14 in the WHS band room.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Industrial Development Authority** - 9 a.m., Jan. 14. Grant County Chamber office, Main Street, Williamstown.

## CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

**Grant Lodge 85, F&AM**- Grant 85 is a Masonic Lodge located in Williamstown. Regular meetings are held the second Thursday of the month. The January meeting will be held on Jan. 8. Fellowship hour is from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a light dinner. All are welcome. Master Masons closed meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

**Crittenden/Dry Ridge Masonic Lodge #694** - Meal served at 6:30 p.m. meeting at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10. Masonic Lodge, Main St., Crittenden. Call Robbie Radcliff at 859-991-4990 for more information.

**American Legion Post 137**- Meetings held at 6 p.m. every third Thursday each month. For members only. For more information call 859-824-4766.

**Williamstown Kiwanis** - Noon Wednesdays,. Everyone welcome. Kiwanis helps the youth and community through various service projects. President - Susam Nimersheim. Membership - Rick Skinner. For meeting location, call 859-824-6351.

## CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

**Williamstown Women's Club** - Jan. 8. For time and location call Amy Roe at 513-314-1881. Visitors welcome. Refreshments will be served.

**Grant County Women's Club** - Jan. 8. Call Lila McDaniel (859-824-4417) for more information.

**Grant County Fair Board** - 7 p.m. Jan. 8. Grant County Extension Office, 105 Baton Rouge Road, Williamstown.

**Kentucky Backyard Beekeepers** - 7 p.m. Jan. 12. Grant County Extension Office, Baton Rouge Road, Williamstown.

**Grant County Prays** - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 13. Comfort Inn in Dry Ridge. Prayer, fellowship and refreshments.

**Corinth Lions Club** - 6:30 p.m. Jan. 14. Noble's Restaurant, Corinth.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Grant County Thrift Store** - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. 1398 N. Main St., Williamstown. Offers clothing and household items for sale to general public. For more information call 859-823-1327.

**Helping Hands** - 9 a.m. to noon. Tuesday and Thursday, 214 Barnes Road, Williamstown. Group's purpose is to provide emergency help, including food, clothing and furniture to needy families. Call 859-823-0286 for more information.

**Dry Ridge Reuse Center** - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday, 22 Warsaw Road, Dry Ridge. Non-profit offers new and used discounted building materials and home goods for sale to the public. Call Pastor Troy at 859-803-6043 for more information.

**HOPE (Helping Out People Everywhere)** - 9 - 12 p.m Monday and Friday and 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. 209 Hopperton Lane, Dry Ridge. A non-denominational Christian organization collects and distributes free to those in need. ID required. For more information, call 859-824-0011.

**Northern Kentucky Community Action** - will assist you signing up for health insurance. Kynectors are available Monday through Friday at the local NKCAC Center. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 859-581-6607.

## EDUCATION

**GED Studies** - Adult education classes are available at the Career Advancement Center, 2020 Taft Hwy. (the former JMB Center) in Dry Ridge. New transportation, child care services and evening classes are now available to GED students! All GED instruction is free. Call for more information at 823-1341 and visit [www.grantged.com](http://www.grantged.com).



**FIELD TRIP** - Crittenden-Mt. Zion Elementary student Luke Herald tries on a fire hat at the Crittenden Fire Department. Photo by Bryan Marshall

**GOT PHOTOS TO SHARE?** Do you like to snap photos around Grant County, or of your family or community events? Then, share them with the Grant County News by sending to: [gcneditorial@grantky.com](mailto:gcneditorial@grantky.com).

## EXERCISE/FITNESS

**Yoga for Grant County** - 4 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Grant County Martial Arts. I-75 Outlet Mall. 5 p.m., Power Yoga. Classes by appointment only. 3:30 p.m., free intro to yoga the first Monday of each month. Call 859-824-7586, e-mail [angelssandbox@yahoo.com](mailto:angelssandbox@yahoo.com) or follow Yoga for Grant County of Facebook.

**Yoga** - 6 - 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays. Lloyd's Welfare House, Crittenden. Space is limited. For more information or to register call 859-428-YOGA (9642) or email at [youniqueinnergyyoga@fuse.net](mailto:youniqueinnergyyoga@fuse.net).

**Martial Arts** - 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Traditional Shao-lin Do Kung Fu. 5 p.m. Little Dragons (6 and under, children); 5:30 p.m. (6 and up, beginner to intermediate class); 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays (advanced class). 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Tai Chi (all levels). Call 859-824-GCMA (4262) or follow us on Facebook.

**Body Works Gym** - (Fashion Ridge Road, Dry Ridge). Mondays: zumba - 5 p.m.; aerobics - 6 p.m.; core - 7 p.m.; Tuesdays: butts and guts - 6 p.m. zumba - 7 p.m.; Wednesdays: zumba - 5 p.m.; aerobics - 6 p.m.; core - 7 p.m.; Thursdays: zumba - 7 p.m.; Fridays: zumba - 5 p.m.; aerobics - 6 p.m. and Saturdays: butts and guts - 9 a.m. Non-members - \$3; members - free.

**Dry Ridge Dance** - 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Cathy Smith at 496-0172. The lessons take place inside Grant County Martial Arts.

## GOVERNMENT GATHERINGS

**Grant County Board of Elections** - 2 p.m. Jan. 8. Grant County Clerks Office.

**Grant County Board of Education** - 6 p.m. Jan. 8. 820 Arnie Risen Blvd., Williamstown.

**Farm Service Agency (serving Grant and Pendleton counties)** - 9 a.m. - Jan. 8. Call 859-654-3374 for more information.

**Williamstown Board of Education** - 6 p.m. Jan. 12. 300 Helton Street, Williamstown.

**Grant County Tourism Commission** 5 p.m., Jan. 14. Grant County Chamber office Williamstown.

## HEALTH

**Care Net Pregnancy Services** - 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, 305 N. Main, Williamstown. Free pregnancy tests are available, as well as education about options. Call 859-824-0123 for more information.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Grant County Historical Society** - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. or by appointment. Friday, Room 8, Grant County Courthouse. Books, documents and other memorabilia pertaining to the history of Grant County, Northern Kentucky and Kentucky are available to the public. Archives of the Capt. John Lillard Chapter of the N.S.D.A.R. are stored here. Appointments can be arranged. Call 859-242-8685 or [bb15chips@aol.com](mailto:bb15chips@aol.com) for information.

## JUST FOR SENIORS

**Williamstown Senior Center** - Open 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Center manager Joan Cornman: Jan. 8 - 10 a.m. Bridge Club, manipulation; Jan. 9 - 9:30 a.m. chair exercise, manipulation; Jan. 12 - 1 to 3 p.m. senior commodities; Jan. 13 - 10 a.m. Bridge Club, Aging in Place, cards; Jan. 14 - day trip to Frankfort, shopping and lunch. Depart at 9:15 a.m.

**Crittenden Senior Citizens** - 9 a.m. Wednesdays, in the Crittenden Post Office basement. Call 859-428-0213 for more information.

## POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS

**Grant County Republican Party** - 7 p.m., Jan. 13 Williamstown City Building.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**Relatives Raising Children** - 6 - 7:30 p.m. Jan. 12. Sherman Elementary. Call Nancy Powell at 428-5500 for more information.

**AA (Alcoholic Anonymous)** - 10 a.m. Wednesdays. Dry Ridge Christian Church.

## SITE-BASED COUNCILS

**Williamstown Elem. SBDM** - 5 p.m. Jan. 13 in the elementary conference room.

**Grant Co. Middle School SBDM** - 4 p.m. Jan. 13

**Mason Corinth Elem. School SBDM** - 4:30 p.m. Jan. 13

**Sherman Elementary SBDM** - 4 p.m. Jan. 15

## GRANT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**TO REGISTER FOR A LIBRARY PROGRAM:** Call 859-824-2080 or go to [www.grantlib.org](http://www.grantlib.org).

**Toddler Time** - 10 a.m. Thursdays.

**Preschool Time** - 11 a.m. Thursdays.

**Story Time** - 11 a.m. Thursdays.

**Sew Baby Swaddler** - 10 to 10:30 a.m., 10:30 to 11 a.m., 11 to 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 to noon. Jan. 10. Babies love to feel secure and you can help them by making this simple baby swaddler for your own baby or to give as a gift. The finished product will be 22 inches in height and can be made from simple cotton or flannel. Pattern provided. Bring your own sewing machine or use one of the library's. You bring the fabric, we supply all the rest.

You will need to bring:

2/3 yard of cotton or flannel for the outer fabric

5/8 yard of cotton or flannel for the inner fabric



**Teen and Adult reading** - Jan. 12 through Feb. 20.

**Hoxworth Blood Drive** - noon to 6 p.m. Jan. 15. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged. To be a donor, you must be at least 16-years-old, weigh at least 110 lbs., feel good and healthy, not have a fever, sore throat or any flu-like or active cold symptoms. Call the nursing hotline at 513-558-1304 if you have questions about medications or whether you can be a donor.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

**Grant County Special Olympics** - 7 p.m.

Jan. 14. Williamstown Senior Center. This meeting is for coaches, athletes, parents and anyone interested in Special Olympics. For more information, call Beverly Bass at 859-322-7366.

## WEIGHT LOSS

**Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)**- Weigh-in begins at 9 a.m. - 9:25 a.m. Fridays. Meeting is held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. St. William Catholic Church, 6 Church St., Williamstown. For information call Joyce at 859-654-2211.

**Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)** - Weigh-in begins at 5:45 p.m. with the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Dry Ridge Toyota, 18 Taft Hwy. Call Verla Patton at 859-242-2773 or Faye Harvey at 859-428-2028.

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Kentucky Dept. of Veterans Affairs** - 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday. Grant County Courthouse, Williamstown. Staff will assist veterans and widows/widowers of veterans in filing federal and state benefits. A copy of the veteran's discharge papers will be needed. For more information or to make an appointment, call 859-282-8583.

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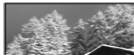
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**AVE MARIE** - The Grant County News traveled to Ave Marie, Florida with Odella Souder Robb as she visited her grandson, Jeremy Johnston, his wife, Lily and two great-grandsons Yosef, 18 months and Samuel, 6 weeks. Robb resides in Lawrenceville, Georgia but still loves to keep up with the news from her old Grant County home.

Going on vacation or trip soon? Pack a copy of the Grant County News. Snap a photo and send to: [gcneditorial@grantky.com](mailto:gcneditorial@grantky.com), send to P.O. Box 247 Williamstown or bring it in to the News office and see your photo in the paper.



## UPCOMING: *Corinth Writers Group to meet*

The Corinth Writers Group will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 13 at Allen's Country Store in Corinth. All aspiring and published writers are welcome. According to Jean Lister, a founder of the group along with Bill McCann anyone with interest in writing short stories, essays, poetry is welcome.

"Just bring something you want feed-back on," co-founder, McCann said. The group will read and discuss it.

There is no cost to attend the Corinth Writers Group though Allen's Country Store does sell snacks, sandwiches and drinks.

McCann and Lister live near Corinth. McCann is a poet and playwright and teaches developmental writing at Bluegrass Community and Technical College in Lexington. He is also the Carnegie Center's Playwright mentor. For more information, contact Bill McCann at 859-940-9510.

## RELAY FOR LIFE EVENTS PLANNED

The Grant County Relay For Life season is getting underway and it's not too early to think about forming a team for the 2015 event.

The relay for life is an annual fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. Teams of eight to 15 members from various businesses, organizations and families raise money and agree to walk and participate in the night of fun, fellowship and remembrance of those battling cancer and those lost to cancer.

This year's Relay For Life is planned for Friday, May 15 at Grant County Park. It will kick off with a survivor dinner for all local cancer survivors at 6 p.m. followed by opening ceremonies at 7 p.m.

For the 2015 Relay For Life, the event is changing from a 12-hour event to a six-hour event. There will be activities, games and contests from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. on May 16.

Upcoming relay activities include:

- Organizational/team captain meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 26 at Forcht Bank (main office) in Williamstown. Anyone interested in the event or forming a team should attend.

- Coaches vs. Cancer – Friday, Jan. 30 at GCHS. Final game of two-game series between Grant County and Williamstown.

## Sadieville man dies in Corinth collision

By Bryan Marshall  
Staff Writer

A 42-year-old Sadieville man died in an early morning fatal wreck Jan. 2 in Corinth.

Jeffery Adams, who was a passenger in a Durango involved in the two-car collision, was pronounced dead at the scene by the Grant County corner's office.

According to Kentucky State Police, 38-year-old Amy Lemons of Sadieville was driving westbound in her 1998 Durango on Owenton Road (KY 330) at 7:46 a.m. when she lost control of the vehicle on the slick roadway.

Lemons crossed into the eastbound lane in the path of 51-year-old Rodney Milner of Berry, who was operating a 2003 Dodge 3500 pickup truck pulling a trailer.

Lemons was transported to University of Kentucky Medical Center for her injuries while Milner was taken to St. Elizabeth Edgewood for his injuries.

Grant County EMS and the Corinth Fire Department assisted at the scene.

The collision remains under investigation by KSP Trooper Brian Guilfoyle.

## TNR: friends continue grant project

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The Friends trapped the colony, fixed the cats and then set them free.

"What a lot of people don't understand is that by trapping, fixing and then returning these cats back, the unwanted cat population will dwindle," Wilson said. "It's also much more humane than bringing them to the shelter where they are likely to be euthanized."

Wilson said that studies show the TNR program pleases cat lovers and cat haters.

"It's a way to get neighbors together again and a lot of the unwanted behaviors associated with feral cats aren't a problem after they've been spayed or neutered," Wilson said.

She said that it also doesn't make sense to kill healthy animals when whatever drew them to a location in the first place will still exist and draw additional cats.

This project began in 2010, when the Friends of the Grant County Animal Shelter, a group

of volunteers, received a Pet Smart Charities grant for three years, which paid for spaying or neutering feral cats and then releasing them back into their environment.

During the first three years, 874 cats were spayed or neutered.

The group was awarded another three-year grant and in the first year of that grant 314 cats have been trapped, neutered/spayed and returned.

Potential trapping sites are identified by Friends' members, as well as owners who call the Grant County Animal Shelter to find out how to get rid of unwanted cats.

A TNR event lasts over the course of three days. The group has been conducting them once a month since the program began.

On the first day, 40 cats, free-roaming and some from the animal shelter if spots are open, are trapped and transported to a clinic in Louisville. On the second day, the animals are operated on and then returned to the county on the third day.

"It's not quite as neat and

## ROBBERY

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He was last seen wearing a light-colored sock cap with a dark strip around it, a dark blue jacket, blue jeans and white tennis shoes.

Deputy Mike Wright arrived at the scene within minutes, followed by other deputies and troopers from Kentucky State Police.

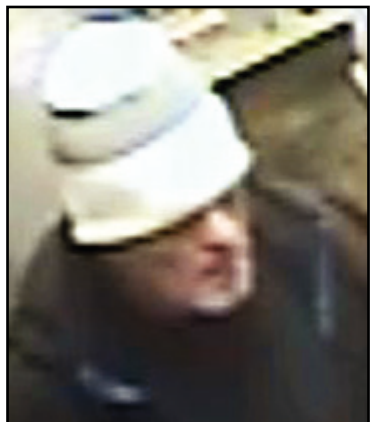
A K-9 was brought in to track the suspect, but the trail was lost.

Based on video footage, police believe he got into the passenger side of a gold or tan four-door car, possibly a Dodge or Chrysler.

The vehicle has extensive damage to the right passenger side from the front to the rear.

The driver was unable to be identified.

Law enforcement combed



the area and went to area businesses to see if they had seen anyone suspicious.

Police are working on retrieving video surveillance of the suspect from cameras inside Grant County Drugs.

Anyone with information about the robbery is asked to call the Grant County Sheriff's Office at 824-3333.

raising efforts such as popcorn and cutlery sales and a benefit at LaRosa's in Dry Ridge planned for February.

While the group has been successful in acquiring several grants, including being named a partner with Best Friends, one of the largest animal sanctuaries in the country, many of the programs are dependent on matching funds.

"In order to get more funds, we've got to raise more funds," she said.

The grants have allowed the shelter to offer a monthly \$10 cat spay/neuter program to Grant County residents.

"There have been a lot of positive programs for the citizens of the county and we want them to continue, that's why we need more volunteers and more money to see that the progress we've made keeps moving forward," Wilson said.

For information about joining the Friends of the Shelter or programs offered at the Grant County Animal Shelter, call 859-824-9403.

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# VIEWPOINT

## OUR OPINION

### New year brings new beginning

Grant County will experience a new beginning as newly elected leaders and officials began their jobs earlier this week on Jan. 5 when they took office.

Steve Wood will lead the county as judge-executive with the help of brand new magistrates, Bobby Newman, Shawna Coldiron and Jacqalynn Riley. This marks the first time in recent history, if not all of Grant County's history, that the judge and fiscal court are all Republicans. It is also the first time that two of the magistrates have been female.

Dry Ridge also has a new mayor in Jimmy Wells and a new council member, Joni Pelfrey, and a new attorney, Pete Whaley.

In Williamstown, Ken Stone, Greg Middleton and Amanda Howell are new to the city council, as is Barbara New and Lila McDaniel in Corinth and Donna Duley in Crittenden.

The next year or so is critical in Grant County's future as work progresses on the Ark Encounter and the economy stabilizes. Hopefully, there will be new businesses choosing to locate here, which will create more jobs and opportunities for the residents.

There is also much to be done by officials as they learn their new roles and prepare to tackle budgets in order to balance the needs and wants of the public.

Other issues that will need to be addressed include costly repairs at the Grant County Detention Center and improvements to public safety including police and fire protection.

Our hope as a new year begins is that these officials will strive to work together to find solutions to the challenges they'll face and to do their work with transparency and consistency.

It is definitely an exciting time for Grant County.

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#### • What is a column?

A column is one person's opinion on any given issue, published as a regular feature of the newspaper. The staff of the Grant County News take turns writing a weekly column which is called Personally Speaking.

#### • What is an editorial?

An editorial is the newspaper's view on a particular issue. In developing editorials, employees of the newspaper consider what, in their collective view, is best for the community. Editorials are meant to suggest a course of action and to foster discussion on issues important to the community. They can also recognize or praise individuals and groups for community service and good works.

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Letters to the editor can be handwritten, typed or in e-mail form. Letters should be 300 words or less.

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#### WORTH REPEATING:

"We didn't lose the game; we just ran out of time." - Vince Lombardi

## PERSONALLY SPEAKING

### Bengals loss isn't worth tears

My life as a sports fanatic is having a profound impact on my eldest son.

It is simply amazing watching and listening to 7-year-old Austin as he recounts names of players, memorable highlights and other statistics that some avid fans are clueless of.

I won't go as far as to say he is a sports almanac, but give him time, he is only 7.

It is like his brain is a sponge that soaks up everything about basketball, football and baseball that he hears from TV and he hears me talk about.

He is not quite of a diehard fan of the Kentucky Wildcats as I am yet but he is well on his way.

His attire for the recent Louisville game?

A royal blue T-shirt that said "Simple Math: Kentucky > Louisville."

Even at a young age, I think it is important for children to have basic math skills like that.

Of course, I usher along his affection for sports and in particular the teams he loves.

I may even playfully tease him that he is a Louisville fan whenever he wears anything with a hint of red.

Austin always talks about how he will play when he is a member of the Wildcats or the Bengals or the Reds.

I would not doubt his determination whatsoever to make it happen someday.

It will be hard to play for the Bengals, however, when my mom refuses to let me even think of him every trying out for a football team.

Regardless, there is nothing



Bryan  
**MARSHALL**

Staff Writer

better than watching sports with my son.

It will get even better when my 4-year-old starts getting more interested in watching them as well instead of running around like the Energizer Bunny.

I love having that bond of a father and son cheering, booing, chest bumping, high-fiving and going crazy as we root for our teams.

This weekend though I saw firsthand how maybe, just maybe, I have taken it a little too far.

I tend to be pessimistic when it comes to my sports teams.

I am always sure they will lose even if they are heavily favored to blow out a team or win the championship (Kentucky against UCONN last year.)

I noticed that demeanor was rubbing off on Austin this weekend before the Bengals tried to end their playoff win drought against the Indianapolis Colts.

Anytime I brought up the game he would say, "Yeah, they are going to get killed."

It was reminiscent of something I am sure I said to someone else earlier in the week.

As we watched the game, it began to look more and more like Cincy was going to lose again.

"Of course, they are going to lose. They are the Bungles, not the Bengals," my son said to his little brother.

I may have said those same words exactly as well a few days before.

With the clock nearing zero, I noticed Austin was getting quiet as he put his head down on the chair.

That's when I noticed it, puffy eyes and tears, actual tears coming down.

What had I done?

What kind of monster have I turned this 7-year-old into?

He is supposed to be outside having fun with friends or playing video games, not crying over a meaningless football game.

I explained to him that everything was going to be OK.

Fighting the tears, he said, "They are never going to win. In my life, they have never won the Super Bowl and they never will."

I had to hold back a laugh as I responded.

"Aus, that is nothing. In my 35 years, they have not won a Super Bowl so you have nothing to be upset about!"

He finally calmed down and was fine the rest of the night.

'In fact, he said that he would now root for the Cowboys to win the Super Bowl since the Bengals were ousted from the playoffs.

So, maybe he is not a diehard Bengals fan after all.

But, I did make sure he knew before he went to bed that a Bengals loss is not something to cry over.

In fact, as I have learned, it is something to be expected.

However, if by some chance the UK Wildcats do not win the national championship, he has my permission to cry an ocean filled of tears because I'll be right with him.

*(Bryan Marshall is the staff writer at the Grant County News. He can be reached at bmarshall@grantky.com.)*

## GUEST COLUMN

### Al-Anon can help families cope

Mary Ellen preferred to launch the holiday season with her husband and beagle around a cozy fire. Lights from the fireplace and Christmas tree made her living room sparkle. The scene matched an image Mary Ellen had of her house in a painting. Everything was perfect, until her husband started drinking.

Today, Mary Ellen is an anonymous member of Al-Anon Family Groups. She shares her first name and story to help people who are experiencing the impact of a loved ones drinking this year.

Mary Ellen recalls the way the holiday season affected her long ago. All of her cozy feelings dissolved until she felt isolated and abandoned. Her husband's drinking created a vast distance be-

tween them. Eventually, Mary Ellen was completely alone.

"When I found Al-Anon Family Groups, I started to come back to life," Mary Ellen said. "People at Al-Anon understand because they have lived through similar situations. Our experiences might be different but our feelings are the same. I don't know where I would be today, especially during the holidays, if I hadn't found Al-Anon."

Mary Ellen has managed to draw insights and even humor from her experiences with other people's drinking problem. "Even the Christmas tree in our living room died prematurely," Mary Ellen said, "because our dog kept drinking all of the water out of the tree stand."

In Al-Anon, Mary Ellen came to understand her self better, realizing how her parents' drinking problems helped shape her attitudes and expectations about the holidays. While she accepts that drinking problems occur in many families, recovery is readily available. Today, Mary Ellen no longer feels angry or alone.

Local Al-Anon Family Groups are available to anyone who has been affected by someone else's drinking.

Nearly 15,000 Al-Anon Family Groups meet every week throughout the U.S. and Canada. For more information about Al-Anon Family Groups, call the local Al-Anon Area Information Service Office at 502-458-1234 or go to www.KYAl-Anon.org.

## A WORD FROM OUR READERS...

### Brockhoff cancels subscription over letter to editor

Seriously, the best or only letter to the editor from the Dec. 25th edition is that ignorant letter from James Pennington? What does anything in his letter really have to do with Jesus or finding Jesus?

Nothing but Teapublican rhetoric and somehow he brings Jesus into it. It is totally unbelievable that you would only publish one letter and it was this garbage. Jamie Baker-

Nantz, you should be ashamed and the people of Grant County should be ashamed of their paper in that this is the best you can do? I'm done with this paper, subscription over.

It is the right of James Pennington to write his version of events, some of which he is totally misinformed about but for you at the newspaper to even think to publish it is wrong.

Through the years that I have subscribed to the paper it has become obvious to me that you will only publish right wing conservative letters and the rest go in the garbage. Nobody there looks at these letters and sees the lies and misinformation or cares about publishing the lies, so "see ya". I don't need it any more.

**Kim Brockhoff**  
Dry Ridge

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DOWN AND DIRTY

Another year in animal husbandry

Use this annual reflection to track our record of animal husbandry since we began raising a few hens for a personal egg supply in 2007. Those few hens turned into over 100 in a few short years. It was contagious, I suppose, as our taste for productivity grew and we added not only more eggs but meat chickens and lambs to the mix.

I think one of the most provocative questions there is for small scale producers comes from folks who say “how can you kill them?” My answer is that I don’t. My job is to keep all my hens, broilers, ewes and lambs alive. The goal is to maintain healthy and productive hens that can range freely and will lay eggs frequently- and not get killed by fox. The goal is to maintain a healthy flock of breeding ewes and get ram lambs up to 100 pounds before they are processed. The broilers have 10 happy weeks on pasture if we do our jobs right and feed, water, shelter, move to fresh grass and protect from owls, raccoons, fox, weasel, dogs and hawks. All of this comes after we have successfully brooded them in the barn. Our job is to keep them alive until they have reached their potential as food.

Each year I challenge myself to one more task so that I can knowingly speak about the cycle of life that I have come to understand personally raising animals for food- both for myself and many loyal customers.

When you are involved in every aspect of raising animals for food you realize how valuable that animals life was so when it ends there is a sense of urgency not to waste any of it. I have learned to make liver pate (and truly enjoy it); I can make some great broth and chicken soup from old stew hens culled from the layers. Andy can slaughter and I can process chickens (but I much prefer it when we pay other local businesses like Faulkner Meats or Marksburg to use their expertise to do it). The dogs get raw lamb bones that otherwise would have been thrown out at the butchering stage.

**New food production**  
I have done almost everything except witness the slaughter of one of my own lambs (which may have to wait another year). Instead this last challenge was my idea but Andy actualized the hardest part of it. Typically the lamb hides are picked up from the abattoirs by rendering companies that also collect the offal (the viscera). The pelts are processed into leather goods. I felt like we needed to experience this part, too, to be fully engaged in the process. I picked up the hides, salted them and three days later we had a plan and crafted a fleshing bar. I was not grossed out because once you set to your work the focus becomes more about not screwing it up. Andy felt the same way particularly since he was the one doing all the scraping. Four hours, four hides. It was work.

In Kentucky the infrastructure to support our small scale animal for food production is growing. Small, family oriented slaughter and butcher establishments will help to maintain a respectful knowledge base for the business of slaughtering and butchering but it will also help to keep the business closer to home so to speak. No absentee ownership that promotes a disconnect between the farm and the eater; no demoralized workers; no inhumane treatment of animals...this is what supporting local businesses promotes, too. The consumer has more control than they dare to imagine and slowly our localized food economy will reinvent itself. Perhaps reinvent is the wrong word; maybe I should say it can recover itself like when many of our rural communities where the greenbelts to our cities- country folks feeding their city neighbors. I remain confident that we can continue to restructure a new kind of food production that emphasizes small and close to home. I meet people every day that are new partners in sourcing food with a conscience.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped us whether it was with technical assistance, moral support, collaboration, purchasing product or just spreading the word. Our gates are always open to anyone else ready to join in. I will even show you our untanned, raw hide lamb pelts. Happy New Year.

(Jeneen Wiche is an avid gardener from Shelbyville. She can be reached at Jwiche@shelbybb.net. or at www.SwallowRailFarm.com)



Jeneen WICHE

Weekend Gardener

ANOTHER PLACE IN TIME



This Another Place In Time photo features Eddie Chipman, Dortha Caldwell, George Race, Gordon Pickett, Albert Thomas, Gene Chipman, Laudia Webb, Martha Issacs, Merle Covey, Albert Harris, Patsy Wilson, Harold Gene Snow, Juanita Hammonds, Floyd Race, Ruby Harris, Dewey Scroggins, Linda Wilson Crouch, Jimmie Crouch, Eva Faulkner, Billy Faulkner, Donald Crosswaite, Danny McKenzie, Justin Rider, Nancy Faulkner, Ella Crosswaite and Janet Crouch Scroggins. Thanks to Howard Chipman of Dry Ridge and Franklin Scroggins of Crittenden for calling in a guess and thanks to Ruby Harris for submitting the photo.

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

15 Years

Jan. 6, 2000

Navy Fireman Kyle G. Conrad recently arrived on station in the Mediterranean Sea while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sean and Arabian Gulf. Conrad is the son of Christopher M. and Judy L. Conrad of Dry Ridge.

25 Years

Jan. 11, 1990

Christopher A. Smith, son of Larry and Glenna Smith of Crittenden, recently enlisted in the U.S. Army’s Delayed Entry Program and will report for active duty Aug. 15, 1990. The Grant County High School graduate will take basic training and advanced training at Fort Knox.

54 Years

Jan. 9, 1969

Airman John P. Canafax, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Canafax of Dry Ridge, has completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and has been assigned to Keesler AFB for training. Canafax is a 1968 graduate of Grant County High School.

Participants in the adult literacy program at NorthKey Community Care Center, formerly Comprehensive Care, in Williamstown recently enjoyed a visit from Corinth artist Charlene Rogers. Rogers drafted a decorated picture for each participant.

Michelle Noel, a freshman at Eastern Kentucky University from Williamstown, was selected to participate in Eastern Kentucky University’s Honors Program. Noel is a Grant County High School graduate and is the daughter of Ronald and Betty Noel.

The Dry Ridge Lodge No. 849, F &AM held their St. John’s Day meeting with a traditional oyster supper. New officers elected and installed were John V. Howe, master, James Middleton, senior warden, Noah Kidd, junior warden and George W. Landrum, secretary.

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# FAITH & VALUES

## GRACE NOTES

### A glimpse into how God really feels about us

Tachycardia is a dangerously rapid heartbeat, arrhythmia is an irregular heartbeat and dead is no heartbeat at all – and I had all three recently. That may be a slight exaggeration and a bit of melodrama, but the truth is I experienced severe panic recently. I lost my camera. And by “my camera” I mean the one the Chronicle gave me to use and not mine to keep. I got it back, but for 40 minutes my heart raced and flip-flopped and stopped beating (if only in my imagination) because I thought it was gone, forever into oblivion, gone, gone, gone. I had it with me when I got on the plane to Washington, D.C. with the World War II veterans I was traveling with because I took their pictures, and I took pictures once we returned to the airport in Clearwater.

After I left the airport I got into a cab to take me less than five miles away to a restaurant where I was to meet my husband. Paid the cab driver, greeted my husband. Kiss, kiss, blah, blah. Want to see my pictures, I asked.

Tired, yet wound up from a long day of travel, I opened my purse to get the camera that hadn’t been out of my reach all day and it. Was. Not. There. I panicked. I prayed, but I still panicked. Not only was the camera not mine, but it had photos on it from my trip with the veterans that I needed and couldn’t retake. While I panicked I walked around in circles in the restaurant and asked the waitress for a phone book- I concluded I took the camera out of my purse to reach the \$10 bill I had tucked away for cab fare.

Someone got the cab number for me and I called, most likely rambling incoherently to the poor woman who answered the phone. Thankfully she took pity on me, put me on hold and called all her drivers and asked who had driven a crazy lady from the St. Petersburg-Clearwater airport to the nearby Beef O’Brady’s. Since there had been only one, he called in, said he found my camera on the seat and within 10 minutes delivered it to me.

And the angels sang!

I gave him twice the fare amount and thanked him profusely. I may have even offered my firstborn. I know I cried with relief and gratitude mixed with tiredness and slight insanity. (He looked scared when he left.)

My heart returned to it’s normal rhythm and all was and is well. However, for that brief time, all was not well. I had lost something important and during it’s time of lostness it was all I could think of. All I wanted was to find it. I was hungry, thirsty and tired, but how could I eat, drink, or sleep until it was found? Jesus told stories about lost things. In the Bible when something is repeated it’s God saying “Listen up y’all- this one’s important. Take notes.” One story was about a lost sheep and another about a lost coin. He talked about the extent the shepherd goes to find just one lost sheep, even leaving his flock of 99 others to retrieve it- it’s that precious to him. The woman who lost her coin lights a lamp, sweeps her house clean and doesn’t stop searching until she finds it- and then she calls her friends and says “Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin!” (Luke 15:9) I’m with you sister. I feel your joy. However, Jesus wasn’t talking about sheep and coins, but about us, and not so much about our lostness as about God’s intense focus on finding us. While he’s not wringing his hands, walking in circles and rambling on the phone to cab company dispatchers, he wants his lost children found.

As badly as I wanted to my camera, how much more does God want his children safely home with him? The Bible says the angels sing when one sinner repents. Losing my camera and then having it returned to me gave me a glimpse of how God might feel about us. It’s good to be found!

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  - There is no charge for publication of church news.
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## CHURCH NOTES

### Bethany Baptist

- 10 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. worship service and 7 p.m. evening worship.
- Pastor - Donald Joe Kannady
- The church is located at 7770 Lawrenceville Road in Holbrook. For more information, call 859-391-5993.

### Canby Tabernacle

- Pastor Belve Barger
- The church is located on Highway 330 West.
- Sunday services are 10 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. worship service and 6:30 p.m. fellowship and Bible Study.
- Wednesday service at 7 p.m.

### Christ Community Assembly of God

- Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Sunday morning worship at 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.
- The Assembly of God church is located at 139 North Main Street in Williamstown. For more information, call 859-394-2586.

### Corinth Christian

- Pastor - Quintin McNabb.
- Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Genesis chapters 9, 10 and 11.
- Sundays - Sunday School at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m.; choir practice at 5:30 p.m.; evening worship at 6:30 p.m.
- Christmas Cantata will be presented at 11 a.m. on Dec. 21. For more information, call 859-824-3278.

### Corinth Shiloh Full Gospel

- Pastor Gary Gross
- Sunday services – 10 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. church service at 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 6:30 p.m.
- The church is located at 266 Keefer Road in Corinth.

### Crittenden Baptist

- Sunday services - Small Groups/Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.; Kidstown Children’s Ministry at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m. by Pastor Doug Miller; evening worship and youth at 6 p.m.
- Tuesdays – morning Bible study at 9 a.m., except last Tuesday of each month.
- Women on Missions at 10 a.m. last Tuesday of each month.

### Crittenden Christian Disciples of Christ

- All are welcome at Crittenden Christian Church. To learn more about the church, contact the church at 859-428-2210 or go to [www.crittendenchristian.com](http://www.crittendenchristian.com).
- Worship begins at 10:45 a.m. and every Tuesday-Bible study begins at 10:30 a.m.

### Dry Ridge Baptist

- Jan. 11 –The church will be observing the Lord’s Supper in the morning worship service.
- Jan. 13 - Night Baptist Women will meet at 5 p.m. at the church.
- Jan. 18 - Family Night at 6 p.m. Business meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

### Dry Ridge Christian (Disciples of Christ)

- For more information on Pastor Bob’s Too Busy Not To Pray prayer study, call the church at 859-823-1303, visit Dry Ridge Christian on Facebook or visit Pastor Bob at [silvan-ik@earthlink.net](mailto:silvan-ik@earthlink.net).
- Organ by Maestro Tom
- Wednesdays – Recovery is Possible AA meeting at 10 a.m.
- Sunday – Early service (informal) at 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m.; morning worship (traditional) at 10:45 a.m.

### Dry Ridge Presbyterian

- The church is located at 15 Warsaw Avenue in Dry Ridge.
- Sundays - Traditional worship at 11 a.m.
- For more information call the church at 859-824-5622 or visit the website at [www.dryridgepresbyterian.com](http://www.dryridgepresbyterian.com).

### Family Worship Center

- Jan. 14 - Special Wednesday Satur8 Service at 6:58 p.m.– praise, worship, communion, coffee and desserts. All other Wednesday evening services through January are cancelled.

### First Love

- For counseling or mentoring, call 242-2670.
- Join us on Facebook at First Love Community fellowship for devotions, information of upcoming events and service times.
- Visit the website @ <http://www.firstloveky.org/> for service times, events, sermons and much more.
- Small group service at 6 p.m. on Sundays; studying the Walk of Repentance.

### Grant County Prays

- Jan. 13 – A group of women connecting with God, each other and the community meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Comfort Inn in Dry Ridge for prayer, fellowship and refreshments.

### God’s Community

- God’s Community has moved to 205 Humes Ridge Road. The first service will be the New Year’s Eve service from 9 p.m. to midnight on Dec. 31.
- Pastor - Landon Scott.
- Sunday School at 10 a.m. worship services at 11 a.m.; SWAT Youth at 11:30 a.m. and evening worship services at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.

### Harvest Apostolic

- Service times are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sundays and at 7 p.m. on Thursdays.
- The church would like to extend thanks to Pastor Rusty Bennett of Relevant Church in Carrollton for his kind invitation and fellowship for the New Years Service.
- The HAC Outreach is still collecting non-perishable food donations. The food will be distributed to families in need. Bring a food item to each service and bless those who are struggling.

### Grassy Run Baptist

- Sundays - RA’s and GA’s meet at 6 p.m.

### Lystra Church of Christ

- Sunday School at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m.

### Mason Baptist

- Pastor James Sears
- Service times are Sunday school at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m.; evening worship at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study and prayer at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday young Bible warriors at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at 859-824-0337.
- Mondays - Celebrate Recovery training meetings at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall.
- Adult on Missions meetings are at 5 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month.
- Jan. 11 - Pastor and Deacon’s meeting at 5 p.m.
- Jan. 14 - Business meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 31 - Men’s Prayer breakfast. Time to be announced

### Mt. Olivet Christian

- Mt. Olivet is having services at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays at Grant County High School in the auditorium. Children’s Church, Wee Church and nursery services are still available.

### VERSE OF THE WEEK:

“And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I had lost!’” Luke 15:9 (KJV)

- Wednesday Night Apps meet at 6 p.m. at the church on Wednesday evenings. A light meal will be followed by Bible study.
- Sunday morning services are at 8:45 and 11 a.m.

### Mt. Zion Baptist

- The deacon of the week is Pete Spegal 428-3146.
- Happy Birthday to Melba McKinney and Janet Gatewood.
- Jan. 7 - Monthly business meeting

### New Beginnings

- The church is located at 28 Broadway St. in Dry Ridge. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Mark Partin at 824-0947.
- Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Sunday services at 11 a.m. Sunday evening services at 6 p.m. Wednesday services at 7 p.m.

### New Columbus Methodist

- The church is located at 16140 New Columbus Road in Corinth. For more information, call Pastor Pamela Mann at 606-205-1456.

### New Life Apostolic

- Pastor - Jonathon Myers. Transportation provided. Contact Bro. Meyers at 859-428-3120.
- Sunday service at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Thursday services at 7 p.m.
- The church is located at 1645 Gardnersville Road in Crittenden.

### Oak Ridge Baptist

- Other ongoing missions projects include Operation Christmas Child, Sunrise Sewing group meets at noon on Tuesdays; box tops and soup labels and gift cards for gift bags.
- Sunday School at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m.; mission groups at 6 p.m.; evening worship at 6 p.m.; Wednesday prayer service at 6 p.m.

### Open Door Baptist Church

- The church is located at 1190 Dry Ridge Road, Dry Ridge (across from Grant County Foods). For more information call Pastor Troy Winters at 859-803-6043 or visit the website at [www.LeaveChanged.com](http://www.LeaveChanged.com)

### Revive

- Sunday services are Sunday 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays- Jr. high youth group (grades fifth through seventh) from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays - senior high youth (grades eighth through 12th) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. There will also be small group meetings throughout the week to minister to the adult’s spiritual needs. Go to the app store and download the “Revive GC” app.
- Co-pastors are Earl Breeden (859-814-7594) and Josh Cummins.
- Worship leader: C.J. Walters

### Sherman Full Gospel

- Jan. 14, Jan. 21 and Jan. 28 - Blaine Bowman will be teaching seminar at 7 p.m.
- Pastor Ray Gaines
- Sunday School at 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 11 a.m., Sunday night at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. For more information, call the church at 859-428-2200.
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### Sherman Church of Christ

- Traditional service from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.; praise gathering from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and eve-

- ning service at 7 p.m.
- Jan. 23 through Jan. 25 - CCU Ski Retreat for high school only. Cost is \$95 for room, board and an afternoon of skiing, snow boarding or tubing.

- When a schedule change is necessary due to weather, notifications will be sent by: one call now phone/email message, on Local12 and the church’s website
- For more information about Sherman Church of Christ and the ministries, go to [www.shermancoc.org](http://www.shermancoc.org).

### Stringtown Christian

- The church is located at 8475 Cordova Road in Berry.
- Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Sunday morning services at 11 a.m.; Sunday night services at 6 p.m.

### Tabernacle Baptist

- Pastor - Bro. Larry Workman
- Sunday School at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m.; Sunday evening service at 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.

### The Potters House

- Located at 115 S. Main St. in Crittenden (lower level Family Dollar Store)
- 859-428-0866 or 391-6503 or 802-4545
- Pastor Charles Courtney
- Sunday School 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

### Vine Run Baptist

- Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening worship 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday prayer service at 7 p.m. with GA’s, RA’s, Mission Friends and youth.
- Go to [www.vinerun.org](http://www.vinerun.org) for upcoming events.

### Violet Ridge Church of Christ

- Minister - Dave Shanklin
- Sunday Services - Sunday School at 9:50 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m.; evening worship and youth meeting at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday Night Bible study and youth meeting at 7 p.m.

### Williamstown Baptist

- The winter schedule will continue on Wednesdays with Family Wednesday Night meal and activities for all ages from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Jan. 11 - Nick Sandefur will be the KBC guest speaker at 8:45 and 11 a.m.
- Sunday School at 10 a.m.; evening service at 6:30 p.m.
- Youth group meets at 5 p.m. on Sundays for grades sixth through 12th.
- More information about the church is available at [www.williamstown-baptist.com](http://www.williamstown-baptist.com)

### Williamstown Christian

- “Following His Star” was the subject of the message at the Sunday morning worship service.
- Jan. 15 - Senior Saints trip will be to the Cincinnati Museum Center.
- Jan. 19 - Snow Tubing
- Upward Sports will be beginning soon. Watch for more information.

### Williamstown United Methodist

- Worship Alive at 9 a.m.
- Mondays - Zumba at 6:15 p.m.
- Tuesdays - Men’s group at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays – Youth at 6 p.m., adult Bible study at 6:30 p.m.; praise and worship team practice at 7:30 p.m.
- Fridays – Zumba at 6:15 p.m.

### Zion Baptist

- The church is located at 103 South Main Street in Dry Ridge. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Joe Howard at 859-824-6568



# RECENT DEATHS

## Darrel Neidigh III, 67

Darrel Overton Neidigh III, 67, of Dry Ridge, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014, at the Daniel Drake Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, surrounded by his family.

He is the son of Darrel O. Neidigh Jr. and Leona Neidigh of Delaware.

He graduated from the University of Delaware and Delaware Tech and served in the United States Army and received a Bronze Star for meritorious service in Vietnam. He was a chemist, an entrepreneur and a devoted family man. He also was awarded the honorary title of Kentucky Colonel.



Darrel Neidigh III

Survivors include his wife, Cyndy Neidigh of Dry Ridge; sons, Darrel O. Neidigh IV of Murray, KY and Michael Neidigh of Cincinnati; daughters, Michelle Neidigh, Kimberly Davis and Jill Marie Sellmeyer, all of Dry Ridge; brothers, Danny Neidigh of Delaware and David Neidigh of Arizona; a sister, Janice Compton of South Carolina and four grandchildren.

Burial will be held at 1 p.m. on Jan. 9 at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North in Williamstown.

## Barbara Pettit, 65

Barbara Ann Purnell Pettit, 65, of Williamstown, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2015 at the St. Elizabeth Hospital in Edgewood.

She was the daughter of the late Stanley and Evelyn Juanita Bowen Purnell.

Survivors include her husband, Steven Pettit of Williamstown; a son, Craig Steven

Pettit of Williamstown; daughters, Carissa Ann Coyle of Warsaw and Candee Dawn Pettit of Williamstown; six grandchildren and a great grandchild and three sisters.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 6, 2015 at the Elliston-Stanley Funeral Home in Williamstown.

Burial was in the Williamstown Cemetery.

## Betty Courtney, 68

Betty Jane Bolling Courtney, 68, of Williamstown, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014, at her residence.

She was the daughter of the late Emery and Lucille Wainscott Bolling.

Survivors include her sons, Mark Wayne Courtney of Dry Ridge and Rick Allen Courtney of Williamstown; a daughter, Lisa Renee

Pelfrey of Dry Ridge; nine grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; a brother, Kenneth Bolling of Dry Ridge and a sister, Juanita Courtney of Williamstown.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 2, 2015 at the Elliston - Stanley Funeral Home in Williamstown.

Burial was in the Hill Crest Cemetery in Dry Ridge.

## Bobby Jones, 80

Bobby Jones, 80, of Berry, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015 at the U.K. Chandler Medical Center in Lexington.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Jones; sons: Danny Jones and David Jones, both of Berry; daughters, Valerie Jones of Nashville, North Carolina and Connie Gaunce of Berry; his mother, Loretta Epperson of

Corinth; brothers, Henry Jones and Leroy Jones, both of Corinth; sisters, Gladys Poe of Corinth and Bonnie Jones of Ft. Mitchell; seven grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 5, 2015 at the McDaniel Funeral Home in Corinth.

Burial was in the New Columbus Cemetery in Owen County.

## Bobby Kiskaden Jr., 47

Bobby Gene Kiskaden Jr., 47, of Corinth, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Williamstown.

Survivors include his

father, Bobby Kiskaden, Sr.

A graveside service was held Jan. 6. at the Pythian Grove Cemetery in Berry.

## James Allen, 70

James ‘Jimmy’ Harold Allen, 70, of Joplin, Missouri, formerly of Williamstown, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014.

He was the son of the late James Robert Allen and Leetta Brewer Coffman.

Survivors include his son, Keith “KG” Allen of Lowell, Kansas; daughters, Angela Allen of Joplin, Missouri, Wendy Smith North of

Fadelia, Missouri and Jamie Grace Keller; a brother, John Minks of Williamstown; sisters, Betti Jo McClanahan of Williamstown, Vera “Tito” Antrobus of Cynthiana and Dorothy “Dottie” Jenkins of Lincoln County and nine grandchildren.

A memorial graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 9 with Rev. Rick Haggett presiding at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Williamstown.

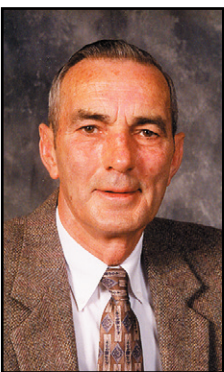
A death notice is published at no charge in the Express, but there is a charge for obituaries containing personal information and photographs published in the Grant County News. For more information, call 859-824-3343.

## Cecil Sargent, 79

Cecil Ray “Buck” Sargent, 79, of Dry Ridge, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015 at the St. Elizabeth Hospital in Edgewood.

He was the son of the late William and Katherine Gulick Sargent, a retired truck driver for Square D Company and a retired salesman for Piles Chevrolet.

He was a member of the Dry Ridge Baptist Church.



Cecil ‘Buck’ Sargent

On April 5, 1955 he was united in marriage to his wife, Joyce Elaine Toole Sargent.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by two sisters, Jenna Brown and Patsy Smith.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine Sargent; a son, Lanny Sargent of

Burlington; a daughter, Lori (John) Cook of Dry Ridge; a granddaughter, Brittany (Tyler) Adams of Georgetown; a sister, Jewel Smith of Ft. Mitchell and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was eagerly awaiting the birth of his great grandson, Aiden Welch Adams in May 2015.

Visitation was held on Jan. 7 with funeral services being held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8 at the Elliston-Stanley Funeral Home in Williamstown.

Burial will be in the Hill Crest Cemetery in Dry Ridge.

Memorials are suggested to the Dry Ridge Baptist Church, 19 Broadway, Dry Ridge, KY 41035.

## Kenneth White Sr., 57

Kenneth White Sr., 57, of Crittenden, died Sunday, Jan. 4.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to noon with funeral service being

held at noon on Jan. 8 at the Chambers and Grubbs Funeral Home in Florence.

Burial will be in the Floral Hills Cemetery.

## Vicki Marshall, 49

Vicki Sue Marshall, 49, formerly of Grant County, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015 in Lexington.

She was the daughter of Thomas Wayne and JoAnn Colvin Marshall.

Survivors include her father and step-mother, Thomas Wayne and

Margaret Marshall; her mother, JoAnn Colvin Marshall and a sister, Joyce Marshall Aulman.

Visitation will be held from noon to 2 p.m. with funeral services being held at 2 p.m. on Jan. 10 at the Clark Legacy Center in Brannon Crossing.

## Sadie Brewer, 79

Sadie Brewer, 79, of Harrison, Ohio, formerly of Corinth, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2015 at Hospice of Cincinnati.

Survivors include her daughter, Darlene Sarver

of Harrison, Ohio.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 7, 2015 at the McDaniel Funeral Home in Corinth

Burial was in the Corinth Cemetery.

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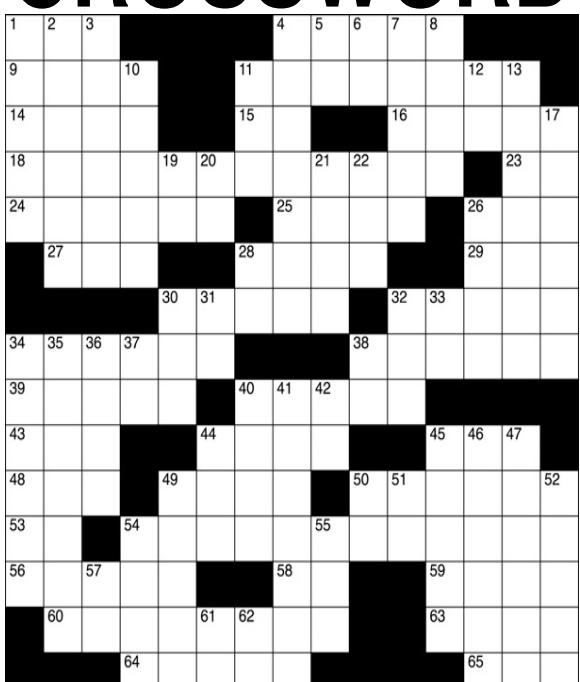
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### CLUES ACROSS

- Mandela's party
- Gives up territory
- Yellow edible Indian fruit
- Storefront coverings
- King of Huns
- Atomic #18
- Jive talk for ignored
- D. Tartt's third novel
- Three-toed sloth
- Gained through effort
- Macaw's genus
- Helps little firms
- A large group of pheasants
- Baby bed
- English dictionary (abbr.)
- Yellow-fever mosquitos
- Liquify
- Add a supplement
- Insistence on traditional correctness
- Milk, butter & cheese
- = to 10 amperes
- Mined mineral
- Greek god of war
- Don't know when yet
- Fellow
- Detailed criteria for a piece of work
- Special Spanish dish
- Atomic #46
- CBS This Morning hostess
- Rubber tree genus
- Pa's partner
- A tiny bubble in glass
- Lost light
- Surface boundary
- Islands
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### CLUES DOWN

- Subside in intensity
- Hale, Am. revolutionary
- Leafstalk herbaceous plant
- Price of a ride
- 1/2 an em
- Execute or perform
- Narrative poems
- Breathe deeply and heavily
- 1/40 inch button measure
- Morally reprehensible person
- For instance
- Members of U.S. Navy
- Crown
- Old English
- Libyan dinar
- Goddess of the rainbow
- Catch
- Fern spore mass clusters
- Music disc
- All without specification
- , denotes past
- A young canine
- Biblical Sumerian city
- Hitler
- Marched in a procession
- Patchy in color
- Trauma center
- Time after midday
- The expanse of a surface
- Develops into
- Equally
- 4th month (abbr.)
- Nervous & taut
- Emits blood
- Assert without proof
- Saturates in liquid
- No. Italian river
- Article
- Mayflower cooper John
- Filippo \_\_, Saint
- Begetter
- Old Dominion state
- Raised railroad track
- Point midway between N and E

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STUDENTS

## Grant County High School

### Kaylee Canafax

Kaylee Canafax is the Grant County High School Student of the Week. She is a freshman and is in Eric Hall's class.



"Kaylee is a great student in class. She pushes those around her to become better students." Hall said.

Her two favorite subjects in school are writing and English.

Her favorite book is Legend, Marie Lu.

Her favorite thing to do with her family is to go with her brother, Dylan and go to Olive Hill, Kentucky to visit relatives. It's a town that has grown very dear to her heart and she always enjoys her time there.

## GCHS culinary prepares meal for family



Ronnie 'Buckwheat' Kinman chops up a pepper for spaghetti. Photos by Camille McClanahan

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) students across Kentucky participated in a variety of activities on Family and Consumer Sciences Day recently to promote FCS education in schools. FCS encompasses skills, research and knowledge that help people make informed decisions about their well-being and relationships and provides resources to achieve optimal quality of life.

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Anna Burdine uses tongs to get some noodles.

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Logan Horn and Grace Luttrell open a can of sauce.



Jessica McKinney gets a helping of noodles.



Hayley Leach cleans up after her spaghetti plate is done.



Kole Beach puts his name on his plate to take home and enjoy with his family.



# SPORTS

## WHAT'S THE SCORE?

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Jonathan Jump of the Williamstown Demons slides around Grant County's Austin Johnson for a shot. Photos by Mark Verbeck

## Braves down rival 84-55 in cross-county game

By Tim Seevers  
Sports Correspondent

They call it a rivalry game.

Around here it is friend versus friend.

Sometimes it is family versus family.

It is the county seat versus the county.

It's the Williamstown Demons against the Grant County Braves.

And for the last five years it's been the annual Coaches vs. Cancer game.

This year's game was played Jan. 5 before a packed house at Williamstown High School and the Braves were victorious, winning by a 29-point margin at 84-55.

It didn't take long for the Braves to use their strength and size to put a mark on the game.

After the opening tip and a missed shot by the Braves, Jordan Saylor garnered the offensive rebound for a put-back shot that found the bottom of the net.

That was a sign of things to come.

The dominant size and strength of the Braves was just too much for the young Demons to overcome.

Austin Schneider flexed his muscles all night long grabbing 12 boards, blocking six shots and scoring 12 points in the contest.

It was obvious that the Demons knew they had to work the ball to get a good open shot.

WHS Coach Roger Harden could be heard screaming "patience, patience; be patient with the ball" throughout the early stages of the game.

That patience got the Demons a lot of open looks at the basket but the long-range shooting was not kind to them.

The Demons connected on just six treys in 28 attempts.

The Braves connected on six three-point shots themselves but only took 18 shots from behind the arc.

The difference on the night came inside that arc where Grant County made 26 shots compared to only 12 for Williamstown.

Seth Adkins scored early

and often leading the Braves with 22 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists.

Austin Johnson also scored in double figures for the Braves with 11 points.

Coach Brandon Grammer heaped a lot of praise on several of his seniors after the game.

"Adkins did a good job taking the ball to the basket, Schneider stepped up big inside for us and Austin Johnson did a good job leading the team," Grammer said.

The young Demon squad had four players reach double figures.

They were led by sophomore guard Jon Jump with 16 points and three assists. Sophomore post player Chris Parsons added 11 points, freshman guard Brennan Stanley had 10 and led his team in rebounds with six.

Cameron Varner, one of only two seniors for the Demons, chipped in with 10 points.

Both teams played hard from start to finish. At one time during the third quarter Jordan Saylor drove the baseline and committed a charging foul.

Chris Parsons was on the

other end of that charge.

A few moments later play was stopped by the official and he and Coach Harden examined the young Parsons.

After determining he was OK to return to play the young man displayed the shiner he received when he took the charge.

It's a badge of honor he will wear for taking one for the team.

It was the sixth game in two weeks for the 9-5 Braves, five of which were on the road to places like Louisville and Shelby County.

Grammer was looking forward to having some time off from playing games to be able to go back to work in what he called "Grammar basketball school" to fine tune some things they need to work on for the final stretch of the season.

After playing Boone County on Jan. 7, that needed nine day break comes before a home contest against Pendleton County on Jan. 16.

The 2-9 Demons return to action on Jan. 9 at Trimble County.

The Braves took the JV

contest by a score of 51-29.

The young Braves were led by Joey Saylor with 15, Bo Hammonds and Zach Tuggle with 13 each.

The Demons were led by Carter Sarcione with eight and Chase Good with six.

This is the fifth year of the Coaches vs. Cancer game.

The two schools rose more than \$12,000 during the previous four years to help fight cancer.

The rivalry sort of takes a back seat to what is being accomplished by both schools in this effort to raise money for this cause.

The selling of T-shirts and the passing of a bucket during the game is a new tradition that gives a greater meaning to this annual game.

The final tally of this year's endeavors will be announced when the Williamstown Lady Demons meet the Grant County Lady Braves at Grant County High School on Jan. 30.

The losing school's principal gets to kiss a pig at center court during the halftime festivities.



Braves' players Jordan Saylor and Austin Schneider box out Demons player Chris Parsons for the rebound.



Seth Adkins, a Grant County Brave, shoots a jumper over Williamstown's Walker Angell.



Brennan Stanley drives the ball to the basket with determination.



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 <b>Broncos</b> 2nd Seed (12-4-0)	
 <b>Panthers</b> 4th Seed (7-8-1)	<b>Saturday, January 10</b> 8:15 p.m.
 <b>Seahawks</b> 1st Seed (12-4-0)	
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# Lady Braves finds success in the sun

By Bryan Harmeyer  
Sports Correspondent

While the temperature started to drop in our area, things were heating up down south in Charleston, South Carolina, and the Grant County Lady Braves basketball team was the catalyst.

The Lady Braves played in the Carolina Invitational Tournament, which started Dec. 27 through Dec. 29.

In the opening round Saturday, the Lady Braves took on Beaufort High School from South Carolina.

"The team got off to a slow start shooting the basketball and we only shot 31 percent, but they grabbed 34 offensive rebounds, (59 total) which allowed us to take a total of 83 shots in the game," Lady Braves assistant coach Micah Montecalvo said. "We were up by 11 points at halftime and won by 22."

The Lady Braves won the game 61-39.

Along with a season-high 34 forced turnovers, the scoring was well balanced. Macy Wright led with 12 points along with seven rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Shelby Harmeyer narrowly missed her second double-double of the season with 10 points and nine rebounds and a number of assists.

Madisyn Ruebusch contributed nine points and eight rebounds in the victory.

The balance of the Braves scoring in the game was Karlyn McCoy with eight points, Lindsey Kinard with four, Abby West, Tyrsten Cummins and Tianna Thornberry with three points each, Bryann Ezell, Jordan Allen and Destiny Chaidez with two points each and EJ Kearns with one point.

Another bright spot for the team was the return of junior Sydney Jones from a neck injury, who scored two points.

In the second round, the Lady Braves played against another South Carolina opponent, Academic Magnet High School.

"We jumped out to an early 10 point lead at 16-6 and it never got closer than six points," Montecalvo said. "Our lead stayed at six to 12 points the rest of the way."

The Lady Braves won the game 52-41.

"The biggest difference in the game to me was our three-point shooting," Montecalvo said. "We outscored them 27-3 from behind the arc."

Wright led all scorers for the second game in a row with 16 points, including an impressive 12 points from four three-pointers.

Harmeyer and Kearns added 12 points each in the game.

Also scoring in the game were Kinard with four points, Chaidez and Ruebusch with three points each and McCoy with two points.

Wright and Harmeyer scored a combined 50 points in the two tournament games. The win allowed the Lady Braves to even their season record at 5-5, a four-game winning streak, and also advanced them into the championship game.

In the championship, the Lady Braves went for the hat trick against their third opponent from South Carolina when they faced North Myrtle Beach High School. The Myrtle team proved to be more than the Lady Braves could handle, controlling the game from the tip to the final buzzer.

The Lady Braves suffered a 59-42 defeat.

"We played well for the tournament," said head coach Shawn West. "We could have very easily won our bracket. We didn't shoot the ball very well on day one, but we managed a win. On day two, we shot well, I believe it was because we got our legs back after the long trip. In the championship game, we allowed our opponent to dictate most of the game. We started slow, but pulled close in the second quarter, but we didn't take over the game like we should have. Turnovers really hurt us in this one."

Wright led the Lady Braves for the third straight game with eight points.

Harmeyer scored six points in the game.

Together the pair scored 64 points in the tournament and both were selected for the All Tournament Team.

The rest of the scoring in the championship game was Cummins with five points, Ruebusch, Jones and West with four points each, Destiny Kerst with three points and Chaidez, Jordan Allen, Shania Young and Tiana Thornberry with two points each.

## Lady Braves give one away to the Titans

Coming into Jan. 3 game against the Titans of Martha Layne Collins High School in Shelbyville, expectations were high.

The Lady Braves had just returned from a successful holiday tournament, winning two of three and winners of four out the last five games.

The game started out well for the Braves, who along with good defense and crisp execution on offense, controlled the first half, scoring 19 points in the first quarter and 17 points in the second, to take a 36-27 lead into the locker room.

However, in the second half things began to unravel for the Lady Braves.

A few turnovers and some sloppy play that the Titans capitalized on ate away at the Braves' lead quickly.

Grant County's shooting also went south, along with their rebounding.

Collins went on a three-point shot shooting binge to take the lead and the Braves didn't have an answer for it.

The Titans went on a 15-6 run in the fourth quarter to finish off the Braves 60-53.

"This was a tough one to take and we felt we should have won," West said. "We have to learn to finish games. We've had several opportunities this year where we have had leads and let them slip away and come away with a loss."

"We have to learn to defend better without fouling, and do a better job on the glass," West said.

Harmeyer scored 13 points in the loss, followed by Wright and Kearns with 10 points each.

Chaidez dropped in nine points, Ruebusch with eight points and Kinard with three points.

The Lady Braves will need to regroup quickly as they face two of their district rivals this week, Jan. 8 at Walton Verona and at home Jan. 10 hosting Simon Kenton. Both are pivotal games to determine seeding in the district tournament at the end of the season.

The Lady Braves freshmen and JV teams both won against Collins.

Bryann Ezell scored 14 points and Lindsey Kinard dropped in 11 in the freshmen victory, while Madisyn Ruebusch was high scorer in the JV win with nine points, followed by Tyrsten Cummins with eight points.

# CHECKING THE SCOREBOARD

**GCHS Braves basketball**

- Dec. 18- won 63-50 at Holy Cross
- Dec. 22- won 69-50 against Lloyd Memorial at home
- Dec. 29- lost 51-48 against Eastern in the City of Middletown Holiday Classic
- Dec. 30- won 75-58 against Franklin County in the City of Middletown Holiday Classic
- Dec. 31- won 81-58 against Jeffersontown in the City of Middletown Holiday Classic
- Jan. 3- lost 71-50 at Shelby County

**GCHS Lady Braves basketball**

- Dec. 17- won 70-39 at Owen County

• Dec. 19- won 78-46 against North Oldham at home

• Dec. 27- won 61-39 against Beaufort, SC at Charleston, SC

• Dec. 28- won 52-41 against Academic Magnate at Charleston, SC

• Dec. 29- lost 59-42 against North Myrtle Beach at Charleston, SC

• Jan. 3- lost 60-53 at Collins

**WHS Demons basketball**

- Dec. 19- lost 82-46 against Model in the Minqua Beef Jerky Hoopfest at Paris
- Dec. 20- lost 79-58 against Bullitt Central in the Minqua Beef Jerky Hoopfest at Paris
- Dec. 21- lost 84-40 against Southern in the Minqua Beef Jerky

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- Dec. 29- lost 54-46 against Cincinnati Christian
- Jan. 3- lost 82-77 against Nicholas County at home


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# POLICE REPORTS

*(Editor's Note: The Grant County News publishes all items in police beat that are submitted from each individual police agency. The News does not omit names from police reports.)*

## Grant County Sheriff

Deputy Bobby Webb executed a warrant for **Paul M. Mullins**, 36, of Dry Ridge, for probation violation, at 8 a.m. Dec. 22 on Barnes Road. Mullins was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Cpl. Troy Hagedorn executed a warrant for **Justin W. Roden**, 21, of Dry Ridge, for violation of conditional release, at 8:20 a.m. Dec. 23 on Barnes Road. Roden was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Deputy Tony Stigers charged **Barbara Pigg**, 49, of Corinth, with possession of a controlled substance (meth) and drug unspecified, possession of drug paraphernalia and violations of conditions of release, at 1:08 a.m. Dec. 24 on Knox Lane. Pigg was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Deputy Tony Stigers charged **Greg Dyer**, 44, of Corinth, with possession of a controlled substance (meth) and drug unspecified, and possession of drug paraphernalia, at 1:08 a.m. Dec. 24 on Knox Lane. Dyer was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Deputy Tony Stigers charged **Jonathan M. Smith**, 29, of Crittenden, with alcohol intoxication in a public place and disorderly conduct, at 2:34 a.m. Dec. 28 on Angela Drive. Smith was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Deputy Mike Wright charged **Anthony G. Wood**, 40, of Dry Ridge, with possession of a controlled substance (opiates), possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, at 9:33 p.m. Dec. 29 on Dry Ridge Mt. Zion Road. Wood was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Deputy Barry Mullins executed a warrant for **Scott R. Goble**, 28, of Corinth, for parole violation and failure to appear to court, at 9:44 p.m. Dec. 30 on Corinth Road. Goble was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Deputy Barry Mullins executed a warrant for **Bradley D. Waters**, 30, of Crittenden, for failure to appear to court, at 12:03 a.m. Dec. 31 on Markim Drive. Waters was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Deputy Tony Stigers executed a warrant for **Amber D. Harrison**, 24, of Crittenden, for probation violation, at 12:39 a.m. Dec. 31 on Markim Drive. Harrison was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Deputy Kevin Burke investigated an accident at 8:34 a.m. Dec. 13 on N. Main Street. The drivers involved were **an unknown hit-and-run and two parked vehicles**.

Deputy Kevin Burke investigated an accident at 4:01 a.m. Dec. 17 on Cordova Road. The driver involved was Sheila C. Martin, a34, of Corinth, driving a 2003 Nissan.

Deputy Mike Wright investigated an accident at 6:01 p.m. Dec. 29 on Helton Road. The driver involved was **Matt Boshears**, 25, of Dry Ridge, driving a 2011 Ford.

Cpl. Troy Hagedorn investigated an accident at 7:43 a.m. Dec. 20 on I-75. The driver involved was **Marcus Z. Meece**, 19, of Williamstown, driving a 2001 Chevrolet.

Deputy Scott Conrad investigated an accident at 5:22 p.m. Dec. 24 on S. Main Street. The driver involved was **Danny K. Akins**, 63, of Williamstown, driving a 2001 Chrysler.

Deputy Mike Wright investigated an accident at 6:50 p.m. Dec. 27 on Chipman Ridge Road. The driver involved was **Allison Edwards**, 22, of Williamstown, driving a 2003 Mitsubishi.

*The sheriff's office served 93 summons/subpoenas, served 45 hours in court, executed two emergency protective orders, executed a warrant involving an out-of-county resident, investigated six accidents involving out-of-county residents and drove 180 miles transporting prisoners.*

## Kentucky State Police

Kentucky State Police charged **Paul A. Cramer**, 49, of Dry Ridge, with failure to notify

Department of Transportation of address change and alcohol intoxication, at 8:21 p.m. Dec. 23 on Aarons Way. Cramer was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **Faith Wilson**, 20, of Dry Ridge, at 10:05 a.m. Dec. 24 on Barnes Road. Wilson was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **Robert J. Hyatt**, 29, of Williamstown, at 8:10 p.m. Dec. 24 on Taft Highway. Hyatt was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **Tracey L. Nichols**, 23, of Dry Ridge, at 8:21 p.m. Dec. 27 on Harlan Street. Muse was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **Crystal S. Hurst**, 36, of Crittenden, at 10:17 p.m. Dec. 28 on Center Street. Hurst was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **Dennis R. Ring**, 46, of Dry Ridge, at 12:16 p.m. Dec. 29 on Needham Lane. Ring was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed multiple warrants for **Dennis R. Ring**, 46, of Dry Ridge, at 12:16 p.m. Dec. 29 on Needham Lane. Ring was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **Brian D. Claypool**, 35, of Dry Ridge, at 12:18 p.m. Dec. 29 on Needham Lane. Claypool was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed multiple warrants for **Donna L. Biddle**, 41, of Demossville, at 9:46 p.m. Dec. 29 on Barnes Road. Biddle was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police charged **William J. Boswell**, 48, of Williamstown, with careless driving, no insurance, failure to notify Department of Transportation of address change and driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, at 12:37 a.m. Jan. 1 on Ashley Drive. Boswell was lodged at the

Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police charged **Jeffrey Lund**, 43, of Dry Ridge, with three counts of wanton endangerment, at 2:20 a.m. Jan. 4 on Summerfield Drive. Lund was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police charged **Eric M. Neace**, 22, of Jonesville, with theft by unlawful taking and possession of a controlled substance (meth), at 2:23 p.m. Jan. 4 on Ferguson Boulevard. Neace was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police charged **Jason A. Dazier**, 28, of Dry Ridge, with driving on a suspended license, no insurance and improper signal, at 7:12 p.m. Jan. 4 on S. Main Street. Dazier was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Trooper Isaac Waters investigated an accident at 12:15 p.m. Dec. 21 on Lemon-Northcutt Road. The driver involved was **Jennifer M. Schumacher**, 23, of Crittenden, driving a 2005 Chevrolet.

Trooper Jeremy Moore investigated an accident at 3 p.m. Dec. 21 on Ferguson Boulevard. The drivers involved were **Mary Ashcraft**, 63, of Jonesville, driving a 2014 Chevrolet and **Sandra Floyd**, 60, of Dry Ridge, driving a 2011 Toyota.

Trooper Charles Wagner investigated an accident at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 22 on KY 22. The driver involved was **Cory Hess**, 19, of Williamstown, driving a 2002 Saturn.

Trooper Eric Bowman investigated an accident at 2:41 p.m. Dec. 23 on Lebanon Road. The drivers involved were **Jennifer L. Allnutt**, 34, of Dry Ridge, driving a 2005 Hyundai and **Sean M. Turner**, 24, of Crittenden, driving a 2007 Ford.

Trooper Steven Robb investigated an accident at 12:03 p.m. Dec. 24 on Chipman Ridge. The driver involved was **Don Rose**, 54, of Williamstown, driving a 2015 Toyota.

Trooper Steven Robb investigated an accident at 1:50 p.m. Dec. 24 on Warsaw Road. The driver involved was **Leslie H. Breeden**, 74, of Dry Ridge, driving a 1993 Buick.

Trooper Isaac Waters

investigated an accident at 3:24 p.m. Dec. 27 on Taft Highway. The driver involved was **Charles Partin**, 44, of Williamstown, driving a 2000 Dodge.

Trooper Charles Loudermilk investigated an accident at 4:58 p.m. Dec. 27 on Corinth Road. The driver involved was **Brian G. Hamon**, 46, of Williamstown, driving a 1998 Chevrolet.

Trooper Rodney Pratt investigated an accident at 5:36 p.m. Dec. 27 on Broadway Street. The drivers involved were **Zachary A. Holder**, 19, of Williamstown, driving a 1994 Toyota, **Mark Weigel**, 58, of Dry Ridge, driving a 2009 Ford and **Tyler J. Carr**, 25, of Williamstown, driving a 2008 Hyundai.

Trooper Isaac Waters investigated an accident at 11:53 a.m. Dec. 28 on Sipple Road. The driver involved was **Amber Smith**, 31, of Dry Ridge, driving a 2005 Pontiac.

Trooper Rodney Pratt investigated an accident at 12:28 a.m. Jan. 2 on Dixie Highway. The driver involved was **Katlyn N. Kinman**, 18, of Williamstown, driving a 1997 Honda.

Trooper Isaac Waters investigated an accident at 9:35 a.m. Jan. 2 on N. Main Street. The drivers involved were **Kayla Carroll**, 22, of Dry Ridge, driving a Chevrolet and **Kenneth Clemons**, 52, of Crittenden, driving a 2004 Ford.

Trooper Charles Loudermilk investigated an accident at 6:13 p.m. Jan. 2 on Ferguson Boulevard. The driver involved was **Wilma Hoffman**, 72, of Dry Ridge, driving a 2010 Honda.

## Williamstown

Officer Brad Morris cited **Paul L. Norman**, 68, of Williamstown, with disregarding a traffic control device and disregarding rail road crossing flasher lights, at 5:36 a.m. Dec. 23 on Barnes Road.

Officer Matt Boshears cited **Thomas Varnado**, 51, of Williamstown, with driving on a suspended license due to driving under the influence, at 4:09 p.m. Dec. 26 on Falmouth Road.

Officer Matt Boshears cited **Brittany D.**

**McDaniel**, 22, of Williamstown, with no registration plates and no registration receipt, at 3:06 p.m. Dec. 26 on Falmouth Road.

Officer Matt Boshears charged **Jacob A. Lewis**, 30, of Crittenden, with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, at 5:50 p.m. Dec. 26 on Arnie Risen Boulevard.

Officer David Osborne charged **Robert C. Williamson**, 19, of Dry Ridge, with unlawful transaction with a minor, trafficking in marijuana less than eight ounces, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, at 3:06 a.m. Dec. 26 on McCoy Road. Williamson was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Officer Brad Morris executed multiple warrants for **Thomas E. Holt**, 28, of Williamstown, for probation violation, at 10:44 p.m. Dec. 29 on Barnes Road. Holt was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Sgt. Steve Cornman executed a warrant for **Sabrina Warner**, 44, of Crittenden, for failure to pay restitution and court costs, at 5 p.m. Jan. 1 on Barnes Road. Warner was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Officer Chris Collins cited **Lindsey R. Hicks**, 24, of Dry Ridge, with no registration plates and no registration receipt, at 11:55 p.m. Jan. 3 on Michigan Avenue.

Officer Brad Morris cited **Kaitlenn S. Tolle**, 20, of Williamstown, with no registration plates and no registration receipt, at 8:18 p.m. Jan. 3 on Mill Street.

*Williamstown Police charged two out-of-county residents with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, possession of a controlled substance (heroin), possession of marijuana, leaving the scene of an accident failure to render aid or assistance, possession of drug paraphernalia, reckless driving, failure to produce insurance card and operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license, cited an out-of-county resident with no registration plates and no registration receipt and executed a warrant for an out-of-county resident for probation violation.*

# JAIL AUDIT: no checks, balances

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The audit report included the following findings and recommendations:

- There have been no checks and balances from Jan. 2011 to Oct. 31 2014. There have been no segregation of duties during that period.

“Since the majority of receipts received at the jail are in the form of cash, this creates the opportunity for theft and fraud.”

Recommendation: Receipts should be recorded by source such as work release, drug testing, vending, etc, to make is easier to see any discrepancies.

- “The box of receipts found in Dec. 2014 with \$32,327 is of grave concern,” the report states.

The receipts were dated June 2011 to Nov. 2014. There were also five envelopes that did not contain the money listed on the envelope, totaling \$485.

- State law states that all profits from the canteen fund are to be used for the benefit and to enhance the well-being of inmates, including recreational,

vocational and medical purposes.

However, the audit found that there were 52 disbursements during the 46-month period that did not have an invoice or any back-up documentation.

There also were several unallowable expenditures purchased for office use, including five televisions and two shredders. The audit states these items should have been purchased from county funds.

Recommendation: Pre-numbered purchase orders should be prepared and approved by the jailer prior to committing canteen funds. The order should state the purpose of the expenditure and how it benefits the inmates.

- Eleven of 60 purchases made with a Mastercard from February 2011 to April 2011 did not have any back-up documentation. Sales tax, which the jail is exempt from, also was paid on several purchases using the card.

Recommendation: No recommendation since the Mastercard is no longer being used.

- A penalty of \$723.62 and interest in the amount of \$74.52

were assessed to the jail on 10 sales tax returns filed late in 2011 and 2012.

Some of the 2013 and 2014 sales tax returns also were not turned in until December 2014, meaning more penalties and interest will be assessed.

Recommendation: Since the jail is no longer running the canteen, there is no need for sales tax returns.

- There are nearly \$46,000 in outstanding invoices owed to Keefe Commissary Network, along with more than \$10,500 in invoices owed to Telmate for telephone calls. Telmate is withholding commissions of \$11,271.14 until the invoices are paid.

Recommendation: Pay the invoices immediately.

- Inmate accounts as of Oct. 2014 has outstanding fees owed the jail of more than \$7 million, most of which are not collectible, according to the audit report.

Recommendation: All accounts over 10 years should be purged. For remaining accounts, procedures should be developed

for collection.

- While the audit reports states receipts are being issued, the auditor said it was obvious she was not given all of the receipt books. There were receipt books that could not be matched with deposits, missing pages in receipt books and deposits with receipt numbers that do not have books with those numbers.

“There are no checks and balances for money received by the jail,” the report states. “The jail did not batch deposit receipts daily, did not prepare a daily checkup sheet and did not deposit receipts daily.”

Recommendation: Daily checkout sheets and daily deposits need to be used and agree with batched receipts. Proper segregation of duties for individuals receiving the money, depositing the money and recording the money should be followed.

Monthly reconciliations should be done by someone who is not responsible for any of the previous processes.

- Several deposits totaling \$17,781 were made on Nov. 20

with receipts dating from April 2013 to Nov. 2014, a period of 18 months.

Deposits totaling \$32,327 also were made on Dec. 11 with receipts dated from June 2011 to Nov. 2014, a period of three years and six months.

“This is totally unacceptable,” the report states. “If proper checks and balances had been in place, this could not have occurred. Receipts were not even batched together by dates.”

Recommendation: Procedures should be in place for daily deposits and monthly reconciliations for all receipts.

- The Quick Books software is on the computer in the jailer’s office.

Recommendation: The software needs to be on the computer in the accounting office.

“We’re definitely going to follow the auditor’s recommendations,” said current jailer Chris Hankins, who defeated Peeples in the November election. “We’re going to take a positive step forward and make sure things are being done proper.”



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# DEPUTY JUDGE

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Evalene Davis served as Grant County’s deputy judge-executive under four different judges. She retired as deputy judge and fiscal court clerk in 2008.

Wood said her work “on behalf of the county is legendary.” He said there are plans to plant a tree at Grant County Park this spring to honor Davis’ service.

Kimmich, according to Wood, played a key role in his election campaign.

Wood said he was shocked when Kimmich asked him if Wood would be interested in him serving as deputy judge-executive.

“Once I got over the initial shock, I began calling folks I trusted – city officials, former county officials, state legislators and some business people and they all said the same thing, if you can get him, hire him,” Wood said.

Kimmich will also serve as the fiscal court clerk, a position he has experience with.

Wood said Kimmich was also a good fit for Grant County because of his experience in working with Kenton County’s newly elected jailer and command staff in 1999 to develop policies and procedures, as well as Kimmich was on the development team that performed major renovations to the old Kenton County jail and the new \$40 million facility built in 2010.

Kimmich has worked in Frankfort the last several years as the deputy chief of staff and interim chief of staff for the Kentucky House leadership office.

Wood said when he asked Kimmich why he wanted to leave Frankfort for Grant County, Kimmich told him it was because he was “tired of driving to Frankfort every day to see state government mired in the muck with no light at the end of the tunnel.”

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and the lives of Grant Countians better,” Kimmich said.

In other business, the fiscal court appointed Les Whalen, the Williamstown Fire Chief, as the county’s emergency management director. Whalen’s salary will be \$15,000 annually.

“Congratulations, Les,” Wood said. “I think you’ll do a good job and we’re glad to have you.”

The court appointed Pat Conrad as the executive assistant/finance director and Connie McClure as finance officer.

In other business, the court:

- Tabled a recommendation to change the fiscal court’s credit card from Darrell Link to Steve Wood and to approve two credit cards for use at the Grant County Detention Center. Magistrates said they wanted to wait on approving credit cards until Kimmich had identified all the credit cards that existed for the county and county offices.

“We want to be sure the purchase order system is honored,” Kimmich said. “We don’t expect the Grant County Sheriff’s deputies to request a purchase order for fuel for their car but we know that there are cards out there that are being used.”

Wood voted against tabling the issue.

- Approved County Attorney Joe Taylor’s request to modify policies at the Grant County Detention Center to include dismissal for employees with a felony record.

“I very much agree with that,” Bobby Newman, magistrate of the 1<sup>st</sup> district said. “It should have been done a long time ago. I’d like to see us, as a government body, restrict it for all employees.”



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## LEGISLATIVE Q & A

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**LINDER** - The biggest issue for northern Kentucky is the heroin epidemic. The General Assembly, and more specifically House leadership, failed to deal with the heroin issue in Kentucky during the 2014 session.

The State Senate sent the House of Representatives a bill in January in which House leadership refused to act on until April 14, with 15 minutes left in the session. When they could not add a needle exchange program to the bill, Democrats in the House filibustered the final 15 minutes until midnight, ending the session without passing a heroin bill. Fortunately, over the summer, a bi-partisan group has worked out some of the differences to address both the need for stiffer penalties on dealers and rehabilitation for users. While much has been worked out, there are several bills filed in both the House and Senate that are different. My hope is we start addressing these differences early in the session so we can work out a compromise before the session ends.

**THAYER** - I support Sen. Chris McDaniel’s bill that will increase penalties for heroin dealers (like insuring that they serve at least 50 percent of their jail sentence before being eligible for parole) and increasing treatment options for heroin addicts. The Senate has passed similar bills during the last two years, only to see them die at Greg Stumbo’s hand in the House. This year, I am hopeful that Democrats will stop playing politics with people’s lives and pass a bill to help deal with this scourge.

*In what ways do you see the upcoming governor’s race impacting the General Assembly and the productivity of the session?*

**THAYER** - I hope that we can deal with important issues without the governor’s race becoming an issue, but word is that House Democrats don’t want to pass a bill authored by Sen. McDaniel because he is running for Lt. governor with governor candidate James Comer. These “authorship” issues are bad for the people of Kentucky as bills should be considered on their merits, not on who is the sponsor of the bill.

**LINDER** - Some comments have been made privately in the House that any bills passed by Sen. Chris McDaniels, a northern Kentucky Senator who is the Republican Lt. governor running mate of James Comer, might have a tough time passing the House. There are rumors of other legislators being part of tickets in the governor’s race also. Therefore; I believe the 2015 state-wide elections will play a heavy hand in the short 30 day session.

*What is the one issue you hope gets discussed and ultimately solved during the short session and why?*

**LINDER** - The aforementioned heroin issue. It continues to be an issue not only in Grant County, but in northern Kentucky and is starting to spread to other parts of the state. I will consider the 2015 short session a failure if we do not come home in March without address this epidemic.

**THAYER** - The heroin issue is the most urgent, but the telecommunications reform act is also critical as deregulation of the industry will lead to nearly a billion dollars of investment into Kentucky’s infrastructure by companies like AT&T. This will lead to a more modern, 21st century system benefiting all Kentuckians.

*Where do you stand on the possibility of a statewide smoking ban and do you see it becoming a reality in Kentucky?*

**THAYER** - I do not favor a statewide smoking ban. Government already has too much power and influence over small businesses.

This issue is best handled at the local government level, although I would prefer it be driven by the marketplace. Let businesses decide their own smoking policy and the people will decide whether or not to frequent those businesses. I respect both sides of this issue, but I just think government has gone too far. I favor a smaller government with less control over our lives.

**LINDER** - I deplore smoking and would encourage everyone to quit. However, I am not in favor of a state-wide smoking ban. This issue is best decided by the individual owners of their particular establishments. A business owner must decide if, as many of the Grant County restaurants have already decided, they can be more successful by allowing smoking in their establishment, or to make their establishment non-smoking. We are at our best when we have free markets as opposed to the government regulating our every decision. I strongly believe many business owners will decide if they want to maximize their profits, their facility needs to be non-smoking. We vote everyday on this issue by where we spend our hard earned money, and many decide not to spend it at a smoking establishment. This is how our country was designed and built.

*Sen. Thayer, being reelected as Senate Majority Floor Leader, in what ways do you hope to shape how the session goes and what is your guiding principle that will drive the agenda in the Senate?*

**THAYER** - It’s an honor to be selected by my peers as only the third Republican to serve as Senate Floor Leader. I am going to encourage the Senate to be bold in passing bills that can truly change the future of Kentucky, like Right to Work, Charter Schools and repeal of the costly prevailing wage law. We will also pass pro-life bills again in the Senate. It’s unlikely the House Democrats will pass these bills, but it is our duty as the only supermajority (26 Republicans to 11 Democrats) to let the people of our Commonwealth know where we stand.

*Rep. Linder, now entering your second term, what is the most important thing you have learned about being state representative and what do you hope to bring to your position now with more experience?*

**LINDER** - I continue to make and foster relationships with other legislators. Successful politics is about making coalitions to achieve great things. Sometimes that requires compromise on both sides and I have worked, and hopefully succeeded, at being viewed as a level-headed legislator to my colleagues of both parties. Building these bridges will hopefully pay off for the 61st District now, and in the future, by their legislator being someone that can be fair. People will listen to you if you first listen to them.

*Specific to Grant County, what should residents be on the look out for this session that will have the greatest impact on their lives?*

**LINDER** - Liberty. Anytime the legislature passes a bill, there is the possibility that bill will limit liberty. Citizens should scrutinize every bill brought before the General Assembly for a vote and decide if the new possible law will chip away at the liberties of the general public.

**THAYER** - The heroin bill is important for Grant County, as we know how badly this epidemic has affected northern Kentucky. I know everyone wants better cell phone service and access to high-speed internet, as both are important for our economy, so the telecommunications reform bill is needed, too. Making Kentucky a more-pro-jobs state is good for Grant County, too, so some of the bills mentioned above would be impactful for Grant County. Along with Rep. Linder, I will continue to be a strong advocate for The Ark Encounter project.



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